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PARTICULARS OF GENERAL PROGRESS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA 1920-1923.

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(Barwell Government sworn in 8th April 1920).

1. POPULATION.-- June 1920- 486,454-

June 1923- 516,685. Increase 30,231 or 6.21%.

2. BUILDINGS.-- During the four years it is estimated that 11,072

dwelling houses have been built in the State, 3,000

of which were built in 1923. The minimum estimated

value of these houses, ^{the erection of other buildings,} and the extensions &c. to other

~~buildings~~ is £4,000,000; in 1923, and £12,241,375 for the 4 years.

3. FLOCKS & HERDS.--

Cattle.-- These herds increased by 76,249-(21.81%).

Totals 1920- 349,562; 1923- 425,811; the satisfactory feature being that the dairying section of the herds increased by 32,495 (23.57%).

Sheep.-- 1920- 6,014,565; 1923- 6,305,133; increase 290,568 (4.83%).

Grazing in the aggregate.-- Speaking of Cattle, Horses, and Sheep in terms of Sheep, the increase has been from 10,930,269 to 11,824,821 (8.18%).

4. DAIRYING.-- The advance of 23½% increase in the strength of the

dairying herds is reflected in the increased production.

	<u>Butter.</u> lbs	<u>Cheese.</u> lbs.	<u>Value of all</u> <u>Dairy Products</u> £
1920.....	9,810,335	2,540,183	1,706,624
1923.....	14,646,632	3,261,565	1,979,465
Increase	4,836,297	721,382	272,841

5. CULTIVATION.-- The areas cropped and the total areas cultivated have

increased continuously since the season 1919-20- the former by 16.89% and the latter by 21.25%. The respective acreages being:-

	<u>1920.</u>	<u>1923.</u>	<u>Increase.</u>
All crops.....	3,058,770 ac.	3,575,452 ac.	516,682 ac.
Total Cultivation	4,485,803 "	5,439,019 "	953,216 "

5. CULTIVATION (Contd.) Distributing the total cropped area for the period.-

Cereal and Hay areas increased 498,433 acres (16.71%);

Orchards and Vineyards 16,352 acres (25.79%);

All other crops 1,897 acres (15.12%).

6. PRODUCTION.- Quantity Estimate.

The actual quantity production of Agricultural products increased as follows compared with ¹⁹¹⁹⁻²⁰ 1920 as base-

1920-1 79%; 1921-2 45%; 1922-3 63%.

Wheat.- For the period the wheat crop averaged annually 25,742,655 bushels (11.44 Bushels per acre).

7. VALUATION OF PRODUCTION.-

- (a) Agricultural Products.- The estimated value of crop production was 1919-20 £13,728,224 (£28/10/1 per head) 1922-3- £13,145,634 (£25/12/4).

The production of 1919-20 was very much less but very high values were received that year.

The highest for the period was 1920-21 £19,981,471 (£40/13/8 per head). This was the result of a wheat crop of 34,258,914 Bushels averaging 15.8 bushels per per acre and realizing very high prices.

- (b) All Production.- The estimated value of all kinds of production of the State- Agricultural, Pastoral, Dairying, Mining, Manufactory &c. was 1919-20- £30,683,388 (£63/14/2 per head); 1922-23 £33,807,900 (£65/17/7 per head). 1920-21 £39,054,203 (£79/10/3 per head) represents the maximum year.

Of this total the Pastoral and Dairying Industries record an increase of £944,240 from £6,931,200 in 1919-20 to £7,875,440 in 1922-23 and the Manufacturing Industries an increase of £3,124,536 from £7,375,464 in 1919-20 to a preliminary estimate of £10,500,000 in 1922-3.

8. RAILWAYS.--

The number of passengers and tonnage of goods carried and Revenue increased considerably.--

	<u>Passengers</u> No.	<u>Goods</u> Tons	<u>Net</u> <u>Earnings</u> £	<u>% profit to</u> <u>Capital.</u>
1920	22,852,116	2,578,908	719,180	3.70
1923	24,475,170	3,283,594	929,375	4.58

9. SAVINGS BANKS.--

The Savings Bank Deposits increased from

£15,496,512 on June 30th 1920 to £18,249,540 on June 30th 1923, being an increase per head of population from £31/17/1 to £35/6/5. The number of depositors per 1,000 of population increased from 776 to 837. These figures indicate the general prosperity and thrift of the people. For each of the years of this period the averages per inhabitant have been considerably higher than those for the Commonwealth as a whole or any of the States except Victoria, which, though still less has nearly caught up during the last two or three years.

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